

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Northern California Area, moderate in the Southern California Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 478 new fires were reported. Five new large fires were reported in the Northern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Northwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Middle Fork Complex, Trapper Creek Complex, Crazy Horse, Rampage Complex, and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Mineral-Primm, Fish Creek Complex, Black Mountain 2, Cooney Ridge and Gold 1.

MYRTLE CREEK, Idaho Panhandle National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in logging slash and timber, five miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. Active fire behavior with numerous runs and torching was observed.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Lost Johnny, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Wildcat, Upper Lid, Dead Buck, Blackfoot Lake and Mid fires, is in timber, 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. Downhill runs, spotting, crown fires and torching were observed. The fire moved across the containment lines on the east and west flanks. Crews withdrew from suppression activity on the east and west flanks due to safety concerns. Structure protection is in place for 55 residences.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Belton, Center and Harrison fires, is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. Moderate ground fire with torching and spotting was observed. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 14 miles northwest of Polebridge, MT. Fire behavior was moderate due to an inversion; torching and short-range spotting were observed. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

RAMPAGE COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Double Mountain 1, Double Mountain 2, Riverview 1, Riverview 2 and Rampage, is in timber, 15 miles southeast of West Glacier, MT. The potential is high for the fire to cross the Continental Divide. Moderate surface fire with torching and short crown runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for 127 residences.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, which began on 7/16, is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT. This incident, comprised of the Little Salmon, Pagoda, Independence Park, Lime Creek, Salmon Point and Little Hammer fires, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The complex has been split into two sections to separate the WFUs from the wildland fires. Plume-dominated fires were observed on several of the complex fires; some substantial runs were made. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. This previously reported lightning-caused complex, which began on 7/16, is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT. The incident is comprised of the Gordon, Molly Creek, Leota Oak, Gyp, Crimson, High and Some Creek fires. The complex has been split into two sections to separate the wildland fires from the WFUs. Plume-dominated fires were observed on several of the complex fires; some substantial runs were made. All committed resources for both sections are shown under the Little Salmon Creek Fire Use Complex.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Moderate surface fire, torching and spotting were observed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Cable) is assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Minimal fire activity with short upslope runs was observed. The inversion continued to hamper air operations and mapping. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, eight miles southwest of Condon, MT. Ground fire runs, torching and spotting were observed in the Mission Mountains Wilderness. Isolated creeping fire was observed outside the wilderness. A contain/confine strategy using natural barriers is being implemented on the west flank in the Mission Mountains Wilderness.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, is 35 miles west of Missoula, MT. An inversion over the area through mid-afternoon limited activity to backing surface fire with torching. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cooney Ridge, Gratton Gulch, Gilbert and Strawberry fires, is in timber, 11 miles east of Florence, MT. Active ground fire with isolated individual and group torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stuart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. The Mineral-Primm fire expanded to the north and northwest in various locations. Torching and short runs were observed.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Minimal fire activity with individual and group torching was observed.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A unified command between a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) and Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department is in place. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Torching and crowning continued with intermittent runs. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences. Evacuation orders remained in place for Tom's Gulch.

CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cathedral Peak, Oliver and Salderbalm fires, is in timber, ten miles south of Nye, MT. Isolated surface fires were observed on steep slopes. Fire continued backing down slope toward the South Fork Stillwater River. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

RATHBONE, Gallatin National Forest. A transfer of command from Walker's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Van Bruggen's Type 2 Incident Management Team occurred yesterday. This fire is in timber, 17 miles northwest of West Yellowstone, MT. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and short runs was observed. Highway 191 is open through the fire area with a pilot car.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. This fire is in timber, three miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Due to wildfire activity on Red Rock Lake National Wildlife Refuge, portions of the refuge will be temporarily closed to all access including hunting. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching was observed.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes, Bears Oil, Cayuse, Eagle Creek, Eagle Creek East, Fish, Queen Creek, North Howard and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. North Howard and Lily Lakes fires are contained. Individual and group torching with minor surface runs was observed.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Slim's, Stillman and Poet fires, is 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Interior torching was observed on the Poet fire. Fire behavior was minimal on the Slim's fire.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Sapp and Richardson fires, is in timber and grass, 22 miles south/southeast of Elk City, ID. Slow moving surface fire was observed on the southwest flank of the Richardson fire. Minimal fire activity was observed on the Sapp fire. Structure protection is in place for two residences.

CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This incident, comprised of 44 fires, is in timber, 41 miles southwest of Lolo, MT. The inversion decreased fire activity; some surface spread with individual and group torching was observed. All fires in this complex are suppression fires under a confinement strategy.

BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires, is 12 miles southeast of Neihart, MT. Fire behavior was minimal.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Walbrun and Hawley fires, is five miles southeast of Livingston, MT. Some open flame was observed; flame lengths were generally three to four inches with some pockets having lengths up to two feet. The Brundage fire has been established as a separate fire from the complex.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Cherry Creek and Tepee Creek fires, is in lodgepole pine with heavy ground fuels, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. No new information was reported.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Surface fire with individual and group torching was observed.

MOLLMAN, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Ronan, MT. Minimal fire behavior with individual torching was observed.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles east of Ashton, ID. Fire behavior was minimal. The fire is in monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MYRTLE CREEK	ID	IPF	610	30	9/13	214	8	5	6	0	280K
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	22,263	4	9/30	1,538	55	27	19	0	8.2M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	7,598	5	10/1	4	0	1	0	0	159K
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	51,201	81	9/15	696	15	29	9	36	30.5M
RAMPAGE COMPLEX	MT	GNP	20,434	0	10/1	28	0	3	3	0	NR
LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	31,746	N/A	N/A	80	0	0	1	1	1.7M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	12,639	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	1	368K
ROBERT	MT	FNF	52,648	70	10/1	623	11	17	2	3	25.9M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	19,107	65	10/1	29	1	1	0	1	3.5M
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	11,200	80	9/15	197	2	6	3	0	11.7M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	35,613	50	9/28	1,126	21	82	10	0	16.4M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	24,880	58	10/15	786	20	42	5	0	13.6M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	23,716	70	9/20	546	15	21	6	0	17.3M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	8,296	85	9/10	303	7	3	4	0	9.5M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	37,812	75	10/01	844	20	23	7	1	11.6M
CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX	MT	CNF	2,778	33	10/01	155	3	4	5	0	5.2M
RATHBONE	MT	GNF	3,010	92	9/15	520	18	14	11	0	4.2M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	13,438	60	9/15	118	2	5	2	0	6.3M
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	24,495	60	UNK	519	12	30	4	0	15.6M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	14,473	75	UNK	65	2	2	0	0	2.1M
SAPP	ID	NPF	11,495	65	UNK	12	0	0	3	0	2M
CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	13,512	NR	UNK	25	0	0	1	0	137M
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	2,930	95	9/6	260	4	14	2	0	6.4M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	3,500	85	UNK	68	1	1	1	0	6.5M
CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	4,088	85	9/29	92	2	2	1	0	9M
EAST COMPLEX	WY	YNP	23,500	90	9/15	64	2	2	6	0	6.9M
MOLLMAN	MT	FHA	260	70	UNK	6	1	0	2	0	NR
UNION	WY	YNP	768	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	12K
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX – WFU	ID	CWF	10,649	N/A	N/A	15	0	0	0	0	339K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) has been ordered. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels, 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Extreme plume dominated fire behavior with torching, spotting and running crown fire was observed. The two separate fires have now burned together. The west side of Metolius River Drainage from Cabot Creek south to Hwy 20 was evacuated. Structure protection is in place at Camp Pioneer, a Boy Scout camp located at Pine Ridge Lake.

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 22 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire is burning downhill on both sides of the Methow River and into Trout Creek.

SQUARE LAKE FIRE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in continuous old growth forest, mixed conifer, heavy dead and downed fuels, and mixed conifer regeneration, 20 miles west of Leavenworth, WA. No new information was reported.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. Short runs and backing on Dome Peak were observed.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainier National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in heavy timber with heavy down fuels, 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. Due to active burning and falling trees, one lane of SR 123 was closed during fire operations. A portion of the northern loop trail has also been closed for visitor safety.

MINERAL PARK, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, brush and deep duff, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. It was split out from the Glacier Peak fire due to its size. Short runs and long-range spotting up to ¼ mile were observed.

NOCA COMPLEX, North Cascades National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is in timber, five miles north of Diablo, WA. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	70,769	40	UNK	2,205	60	82	10	13	17M
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	3,000	5	UNK	164	3	10	2	NR	NR
SQUARE LAKE FIRE	WA	OWF	903	40	9/30	86	2	0	3	NR	1.4M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	435	35	10/31	10	0	0	1	NR	133K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	246	22	10/31	31	0	3	1	0	NR
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	2,157	35	10/31	1	0	0	1	NR	71K
NOCA COMPLEX -WFU	WA	NCP	1,404	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	4	NR	NR
HERMAN	OR	CGF	370	100	--	0	2	78	1	3	NR

CGF = Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

COD COMPLEX, Tahoe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Codfish fire and approximately 25 additional lightning fires, is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, six miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Surface fire with occasional group torching was observed.

TGU LIGHTNING, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Tehama-Glenn Unit. This complex, in brush and rolling oak woodland, is spread over Tehama and Glenn Counties, CA.

SMOKEHOUSE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This complex is in brush with scattered timber and grass, 15 miles northeast of Potter Valley, CA.

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This complex of approximately 55 fires is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. The fires exhibited short to moderate runs with short-range spotting.

STORM COMPLEX, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit. This complex of over 90 lightning fires, in timber, brush and slash, is spread over Mendocino County.

HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit. This fire is in timber and logging slash, near Fortuna, CA. Six fires exhibited active fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COD COMPLEX	CA	TNF	550	15	UNK	685	16	28	8	NR	2.7M
TGU LIGHTNING	CA	TGU	750	90	9/5	295	16	22	0	NR	163K
SMOKEHOUSE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	250	0	9/10	112	3	5	0	0	NR
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	450	NR	UNK	150	3	11	0	0	250K
STORM COMPLEX	CA	MEU	115	NR	9/7	733	15	94	3	NR	595K
HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES	CA	HUU	300	10	9/10	338	8	35	1	NR	250K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORRIS, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is in timber, 35 miles west of Cody, WY. Minimal ground fire was observed.

BLACKWATER, Shoshone National Forest. This fire, in timber with a large component of downed beetle killed spruce and fir, is 30 miles west of Cody, WY. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORRIS	WY	SHF	5,425	70	10/15	5	0	0	1	NR	140K
BLACKWATER	WY	SHF	1,462	95	9/15	0	0	0	0	NR	1.2M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEST KERN - WFU	CA	KNP	250	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	NR	3K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	1,275	NA	N/A	29	2	0	0	NR	111K
SUMMIT-WFU	CA	INF	550	N/A	N/A	32	1	0	1	NR	NR
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	865	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	0	NR	NR

KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park STF = Stanislaus National Forest INF = Inyo National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CLEAR CREEK - WFU	WY	BTF	333	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	129K

BTF = Bridger-Teton National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure continues over the west with moisture circulating from the Great Basin into portions of the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. Drier air is pushing into northern California while some moisture remains over Wyoming, Colorado and the Southwest.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Mostly sunny. Isolated dry thunderstorms southern Idaho zones, southwest, and south-central Montana	80 to 100	10 to 20%	West of the Divide: Variable less than 6 mph. In the afternoon, west 5 to 15 mph East of the Divide: West to southwest 5 to 15 mph
NORTHWEST AREA Partly sunny over eastern Oregon, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Mostly sunny elsewhere.	Mostly 85 to 95. Warmest across eastern Oregon. Coast is in the 60s.	Still extremely dry, with 5 to 15% relative humidity east of Cascades and 15 to 25% west of Cascades.	Light wind, becoming west to northwest 5 to 15 mph by afternoon.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA A few morning showers far west sections, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms spreading over Colorado and Wyoming.	Highs 90s over the eastern plains, with upper 70s and 80s elsewhere, and 70s in the mountains.	10 to 18% over lower elevations of northern Wyoming and western South Dakota with 20 to 30% elsewhere.	Variable 5 to 15 mph, except erratic and gusty around thunderstorms.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning fog and low clouds coastal areas. Otherwise, partly cloudy to mostly sunny.	60s and 70s coast and higher mountains, 80s to low 90s mid elevations inland, and 90s to near 102 inland low elevations.	Inland areas: 12 to 22% east and 18 to 28% west. 45 to 65% near the coast.	South to west 5 to 10 mph, except gusts 15 to 22 mph along and east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning coastal low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys mainly north of Point Conception, otherwise mostly sunny except partly cloudy from the Sierra crest eastward and over the southern California mountains and deserts east of Cajon Pass with isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms.	70 to 80 coastal areas. 80 to 90 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper desert. 100 to 110 low desert.	15 to 30% desert. 20 to 35% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	South to southwest 5 to 15 mph.



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LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

- Fire Order #8 says, “Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.” Should you utilize lookouts at all times?
 - Lookouts should be posted at all times.

- What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?
 - Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
 - Utilize aircraft, but have an alternative on the ground.

- What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?
 - Experienced firefighter.
 - Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
 - Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
 - Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.

- What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?
 - PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3			4	10	17
	ACRES		0			4	25,961	25,965
Northern California	FIRES		2		9	175	152	338
	ACRES		2		20	1,641	643	2,306
Southern California	FIRES	13	3		14	24	17	71
	ACRES	0	1		8	20	3	32
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			1	3	0	5
	ACRES	65			6,766	55	5,940	12,826
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			1	1	6
	ACRES		15			0	32	47
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6				6	12
	ACRES		1				0	1
Southwest	FIRES						14	14
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5				1	6
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						3	3
Southern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					4		4
TOTAL	FIRES	14	23	0	24	213	204	478
	ACRES	65	19	0	6,794	1,724	32,583	41,185

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	384	12	442
	ACRES	20	40,271	227,975	3,712	258,505	2	530,485
Northwest	FIRES	277	197	10	39	1,457	1,019	2,999
	ACRES	20,244	17,891	9	1,376	45,760	220,184	305,464
Northern California	FIRES	129	69	7	15	2,177	953	3,350
	ACRES	216	11,583	2	6,531	44,438	17,338	80,108
Southern California	FIRES	64	127	10	71	2,292	769	3,333
	ACRES	854	2,585	360	231	35,505	7,195	46,730
Northern Rockies	FIRES	927	59	33	82	906	1,414	3,421
	ACRES	76,687	107,422	23,265	140,690	155,773	287,841	791,678
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	55	773	4	43	589	909	2,373
	ACRES	17,537	131,506	1,060	2,633	29,916	136,962	319,614
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	410	1	11	110	154	691
	ACRES	1	11,070	79	6	1,938	2,868	15,962
Southwest	FIRES	791	180	5	56	868	2,035	3,935
	ACRES	36,594	5,887	284	3,550	16,166	202,764	265,245
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	181	752	39	46	953	639	2,610
	ACRES	16,364	14,323	1,963	783	16,925	46,641	96,999
Eastern Area	FIRES	907		66	32	9,326	451	10,782
	ACRES	52,187		6,890	703	109,482	5,565	174,827
Southern Area	FIRES	144		45	11	11,494	329	12,023
	ACRES	21,701		12,129	756	185,798	8,832	229,216
TOTAL	FIRES	3,481	2,581	241	416	30,556	8,684	45,959
	ACRES	242,405	342,538	274,016	160,971	900,206	936,192	2,856,328

Ten Year Average Fires	63,877
Ten Year Average Acres	3,754,627

Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		15					15
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						200	200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		250					250
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					127		127
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	265	0	0	127	200	592

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3		9	24	60
	ACRES	18	12,943	300		910	6,200	20,371
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	232	308
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,500	118,354
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	15	90	9	10	75	227
	ACRES	1,730	2,386	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	32,451
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		314	16	455	201	1,009
	ACRES	10,562		56,649	1,823	78,664	26,889	174,587
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,200	14,759
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,147	1,886,984
TOTAL	FIRES	172	183	897	133	13,672	2,563	17,620
	ACRES	43,733	57,334	240,459	106,508	848,347	1,073,279	2,369,660

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			41,600				41,600
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						152	152
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			47		26	75
	ACRES	0			1,579		3,337	4,916
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		71	74
	ACRES				602		41,316	41,918
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		31	37
	ACRES				435		14,236	14,671
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24		2		3	29
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	2	30	1	75	0	157	265
	ACRES	0	1,648	41,600	8,814	0	220,519	272,581

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,312	229,002
Yukon Territory			69	32,411
Alberta			1,036	55,511
Northwest Territory			158	125,760
Saskatchewan			612	127,746
Manitoba			1,121	429,959
Ontario			861	300,128
Quebec			650	81,889
Newfoundland			161	24,893
New Brunswick			200	187
Nova Scotia			247	1,287
Prince Edward Island			0	0
National Parks			102	136,140
Total			7,529	1,544,913

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	40	39	42	181	8	17			535	388
Northern California	30	95	115	239	7	22			151	397
Southern California	22	12	28	13	14	4	1		44	19
Northern Rockies	148	79	72	307	46	86			1629	1079
Eastern Great Basin	1		12		1	1			8	
Western Great Basin	3		10							
Southwest		1							1	
Rocky Mountain	2		6	2	4				5	
Eastern Area			4						10	
Southern Area										
Total	246	226	289	742	80	130	1	0	2383	1883

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